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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-27, 29-45 and 59-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-27 and 29-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 59 and 65-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 60-64 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-27 and 29-45 are allowed.
2. Claims 60-64 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 61 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 61 recites a “third” and “fourth” data without any mention of a “first” or “second” data in a parent claim. Appropriate correction is required. Should claim 61 be dependent upon claims 60?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical

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Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 59 and 65-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayes *et al.* (US Patent # 5,987,570).

6. With respect to claim 59, Hayes *et al.* disclose:

a first register that receives and stores an address on a first transition of a clock signal, and a first memory block coupled to receive the address from the first register; by teaching in column 6, lines 10-23, of reading a first address into the SRAM array address register and then carrying that to the read block;

a second register that receives and stores the address from the first register on a second transition of a clock signal, and a second memory block coupled to receive the address from the second register; by teaching in column 6, lines 30-45, of writing a first address into the cache controller address register and then carrying that to the write block in the SRAM array.

7. With respect to claim 65, Hayes *et al.* disclose a comparison circuit being capable of comparing a read address with the address received into the first register and providing data in response to a read operation before that is written into the first memory block and the second memory block, by teaching in figure 5 of a read hit followed by a write hit.

8. With respect to claim 66, Hayes *et al.* disclose a read/write terminal that receives a read signal or a write signal associated with the address, as shown by the interface circuitry in figure 2, and the read and write signals in figures 3-9.

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9. With respect to claims 67-68, Hayes *et al.* disclose a circuit that allows performance of a write burst or read burst, as discussed in the abstract.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew D. Anderson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 2nd Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim can be reached on (703) 305-3821. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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